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Western Clay

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Wed, Jul 6, 2016 at 9:43 AM

To: Christopher Conrad <cconrad@blm.gov>, "Western, Wayne" <waynewestern@utah.gov>

OK Chris, I found some info.

FYI,

The Western Clay ROW for that access road was relinquished, case closed in 2012. So I guess that maintenance makes it all BLM's.

I have suggested to Wayne that we make a combined inspection out to the Hebe mine at some point.

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Hebe Mine M/015/0072

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Tue, Jul 5, 2016 at 2:44 PM

To: "Conrad, Christopher" <cconrad@blm.gov>, "Glasson, Michael" <mglasson@blm.gov>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Comrades,

I inspected the Hebe Mine a few weeks ago. During the inspection, I noticed that parts of the road and culverts had erosion damage. Basically there are some sections of culverts on the roads that are exposed. Parts of the road have been eroded to the point that only an ATV would be able to use the road.

There are some questions about the road to the site. There is a County road 923 that is that main access to the mine. There is a road that branches off of 923 and goes for a 1 1/2 to the mine.

County Road is shown at <http://www.sanrafaelcountry.com/Maps/OHVtravmap.pdf>

The Mine is located at 38 42' 45.27" N 111 06' 38.40"W

Questions:

Who is responsible for the road that branches off of County Road 923? If the road is a public road meaning that a public agency is responsible for maintenance then the Operator should not be held liable for repairs to the road and culvert. If the road is not a public road then the Operator should be responsible for repairing the road and culverts.

What additional reclamation does the BLM want done at the mine? The Division would like the area reseeded again in the late fall/early winter.

Mike, I know that you are new to the issue. There is a lot of history to the mine. Chris we need some of your corporate history for this issue.

Wayne

Glasson, Michael <mglasson@blm.gov>

Tue, Jul 5, 2016 at 2:59 PM

To: Wayne Western <waynewestern@utah.gov>

I was out there last week Wayne and the road is impassable (with a pickup)

I will look into the road ownership. I show case closed in 2014 and bond released, but I will look into it in more depth.

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To: "Glasson, Michael" <mglasson@blm.gov>, "Conrad, Christopher" <cconrad@blm.gov>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Mike,

BLM records may show it closed BUT we still have a \$76,703 bond in place and the file is open.

Wayne

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To: Wayne Western <waynewestern@utah.gov>

Cc: "Conrad, Christopher" <cconrad@blm.gov>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

I will have to look at the case file again Wayne.....if someone before me closed the case for BLM then there may not be much I can do. So has the claimant not requested your reclamation bond to be released? At least while you still have the bond perhaps they claimant would still be on the hook for some repair work?

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To: Wayne Western <waynewestern@utah.gov>

Wayne, further review shows the case may not be closed; I require more info from the person who told me that it is closed.

Do we need to collaborate on the bond release then (at some point)?

Chris has commended the company on their reclamation efforts, but I did not make it out there. So perhaps at some point we should think about a combined inspection.

Chris also said something about a Western Clay Right of Way (on this dis-repaired road) so I am also looking into that as well. Otherwise, he indicates the road maintenance is BLM's, not US Gyp.

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